

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated below.

Claims 1-8 have been previously cancelled.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (currently amended): A household appliance comprising:
 a body having a front with a planar outer surface;
 an appliance port including at least one of a cooling air inlet port and a vapor exhaust port disposed on the body;
 a door; and
 a console-type user control and display unit, the user control and display unit including a control and display element, a housing, and control electronics disposed in the housing, the control electronics being configured for signal communication with the control and display element and with power electronics of the household appliance, at least a first portion of the user control and display unit being disposed on the door so as to be cooled by a flow of ambient air and so as to shield, when the door is in a closed position, the appliance port from view in a direction perpendicular to the planar outer surface of the front of the body.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The household appliance as recited in claim 9 further comprising a cooking unit.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The household appliance as recited in claim 9 wherein a second portion of the user control and display unit is disposed on an outer surface of the front.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The household appliance as recited in claim 11 wherein the second portion of the user control and display unit is disposed substantially equally spaced from lateral edges of the outer surface.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The household appliance as recited in claim 9 wherein the door includes a handle configured and disposed in an alignment with the user control and display unit so as to provide a visual impression of an extension of the user control and display unit when the door is closed.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The household appliance as recited in claim 9 wherein the at least a first portion of the user control and display unit is disposed substantially equally spaced from lateral edges of the door.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The household appliance as recited in claim 9 wherein the door includes a handle, and the at least a first portion of the user control and display unit is disposed on the handle.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The household appliance as recited in claim 9 wherein the door includes a handle configured to provide a visual impression of an extension of the user control and display unit.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The household appliance as recited in claim 9 wherein the user control and display unit includes a display unit having a control element.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The household appliance as recited in claim 9 wherein, when the door is in the closed position, the user control and display unit is disposed so as to divert, in a predetermined direction, air or gas entering or exiting the port.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The household appliance as recited in claim 9 wherein the at least a first portion of the user control and display unit is disposed so as to substantially avoid heat transfer from at least one of the body and the door.